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BOOK PUBLISHERS TO SIGN CONTRACT

Agents Ratify Agreement at Meeting With Attorney-General.

As the result of the conference held yesterday at the office of Attorney-General Samuel W. Williams between the attorneys for the State, a representative of the State Board of Education, and the agents for the high school book publishing companies, a complete understanding as to the contracts for the sale of the books was reached. The agreements were changed in some minor details, but not in any material particular. There was no appreciable change in the clause on which the Attorney-General relies to require the publishers to procure certificates of authority to do business in this State.

The contracts have been sent or will be sent or taken at once to the same offices of the publishing houses for signature by their officers, in accordance with the agreement reached yesterday and as originally settled between Judge W. F. Rhea and the Attorney-General's office.

Those concerns which have not already begun the shipment of books into the State to dealers will begin this at once, and the schools will be supplied with books of the new adoption within a day or two.

The contention as to the payment of fees for domestication of foreign corporations in this State will be tested before the State Corporation Commission. The Attorney-General is as firm as ever in his contention in this regard, and may be expected to push the matter.

ROW OVER CRIPPLE TEAM

Cowan-Bowman Case Postponed Till Court Can Get Evidence.

In order that witnesses may be summoned, the case of Catcher Cowan and the Richmond baseball team, charged with abusing S. B. Bowman, manager of a pool room, who wrote the names of the crimples on the backboard as team to defeat the Colts, was yesterday continued by Justice Crutchfield until to-morrow morning.

It is charged that Cowan became angry when he saw the names of the crimples and a Chinese laundryman lined up on the backboard, followed by remarks that Bowman made in which he spoke "lightly" of the Richmond baseball team.

Catcher Cowan denied in Police Court yesterday that he used vile language in reference to Bowman, when the latter refused to wipe the names from the backboard.

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CONSOLVO COURT READY FOR TRIAL

Military Officials Summoned as Witnesses in To-Day's Inquiry.

CAUSED BY CRITICISMS

Paymaster-General Asked That His Military Conduct Be Examined.

With most of the ranking military officers of the State summoned as witnesses, and with interest at a high pitch because of the rank of the officer involved and the nature of the circumstances to be investigated, the court of inquiry asked for by Lieutenant-Colonel Charles H. Consolvo will begin its sessions this morning. The court will sit in the officers' room in the army of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues Battalion.

Among the witnesses who arrived in the city last evening were: Brigadier-General C. C. Vaughan, Jr., of Frankfort, commander of the First Brigade of Virginia Infantry; Lieutenant-Colonel Robert F. Craighill, First Regiment, of Lynchburg; Lieutenant-Colonel S. R. Millar, Second Regiment, of Front Royal; and Lieutenant E. V. Peaco, of Staunton. Other well-known officers are expected to arrive this morning.

Composition of Court.
The court will be constituted at 10 o'clock by its president, Colonel Robert F. Leedy, of Luray, commander of the Second Infantry. The other members of the tribunal are: Major Allen T. Finch, Medical Corps, Chase City; Major Alfred B. Percy, ordnance officer, Lynchburg; Captain H. H. Hunt, First Infantry, of Farmville; and Captain Harry A. Brinkley, Battery C, Field Artillery, of Portsmouth.

The recorder, who occupies a position in a court of inquiry corresponding to that of the judge in a court-martial, as prosecuting officer, will be Lieutenant J. Randolph Tucker, of the Richmond Blues. Lieutenant Tucker represents the Commonwealth. Colonel Consolvo will, it is understood, be represented by counsel.

The duration of the court's session is problematical. It may conclude its labors within two or three hours, or the inquiry may consume the entire day or the remainder of the week. Again, when it comes to consider its verdict, it may postpone action, as is sometimes done, until the stenographic report of the evidence can be received. However, in this instance, when the members of the court come from widely separated sections of the State, and gather with much trouble to themselves and considerable expense to the Commonwealth, it is probable that they will decide upon a verdict before leaving the city.

This verdict will be transmitted to the Adjutant-General and considered by him and by the Governor.

Colonel Consolvo asked for the appointment of the court to investigate his official conduct in the matter of the payment of the Virginia Volunteers who were on military duty at the joint maneuvers at Gettysburg in July.

It had been the understanding that the officers and men would be paid off at the time of breaking camp, but the money was not on hand for the paymaster-general's check. On Monday, after the return of the troops, the checks were expected, but final payment was deferred until several weeks had passed. This circumstance tried the patience of many of the militiamen, and some of them indulged in rather bitter criticism of the disorganizing officer.

An answer to these critics was made by Colonel Consolvo, in which he detailed his difficulties in securing the money, in getting the payrolls properly prepared and signed, and in procuring the necessary checks.

When payment had finally been made, the paymaster-general asked the Adjutant-General for a court of inquiry, inclosing clippings of articles which had been written concerning the matter, and in which the troops had been sharply arraigned. Some of these expressions of opinion were, it was understood, written by officers of the militia.

It will be the duty of the court which meets to-day to fix the responsibility for the delay in the payment of the troops, to see whether or not Colonel Consolvo used proper diligence and displayed military efficiency in the discharge of his duties, and to make such recommendations as it may see fit concerning the good of the Virginia Volunteers.

H Company Meets.
The new Company H, First Regiment, held a meeting at the armory last night. Plans were discussed for recruiting in the remaining members necessary for recruiting the company up to the requisite number for mustering in.

HEAVY GAIN SHOWN IN BANK DEPOSITS

Three and a Half Million Increase in State Banks Within One Year.

CONVICT REFUSED PARDON

Thames Must Serve Term—Appointment to Nurses' Examining Board.

Constant and consistent growth in the total deposits in the State banks of Virginia is indicated by a statement issued yesterday by the office of the State Bank Examiner. An increase in deposits within the last year is shown to the amount of three and one-half millions of dollars. This does not, of course, include the national banks located in this State, which also show a good gain.

The new statement is of especial value for purposes of comparison, in that it gives the condition of the State banks for each call during the year. This demonstrates that the deposits are gradually growing in size and value, and that each of the six periods when there were calls for reports there was a substantial increase.

On June 23, 1909, the total amount on deposit with the State banks was \$17,047,722.55. A little more than two months later, on September 1, this had grown to \$17,419,583.09. At the call of November 1 the deposits reached the sum of \$18,922,351.82, while on January 31 of this year they had increased to \$19,150,995.28. On March 22 the total was \$19,519,519.51, and on June 30, one year and seven days after the first report mentioned, the deposits had gained the handsome total of \$20,550,109.86. The exact gain for the year is \$1,502,377.61.

During the same year the loans and discounts of these banks had increased from \$19,108,443.89 to \$24,043,334.75, or to the amount of \$4,934,890.86. The total assets of the banks advanced from \$26,212,935.53 to \$23,992,759.49, or \$1,589,294.77.

A decrease in resources, which was a good sign, was in overdrafts, which declined to the amount of \$20,411.39, or from \$21,141.39, or \$730.00. Actual increase in deposits subject to check amounts to \$2,197,278.93, the other deposits being in savings, demand and time certificates. The growth in savings is \$20,755.14. It is estimated that the total of the national banks, the savings deposits in the State have increased a million and a half within the year.

PARDON REFUSED
J. W. Thames, Convicted of Assault, Must Serve His Term.

A pardon was yesterday refused by Governor Mann to J. W. Thames, who is serving a term of two years in the State Penitentiary for assisting in a felonious assault. Thames was convicted in Mecklenburg county.

Thames was accused, together with his son, of assaulting and assaulting M. O. Nelson, while the latter was on his way to attend religious services. The father was given two and the son eight years' imprisonment.

The pardon was agreed upon in court. Thames admitted his guilt, and accepting his term. The Governor, not seeing sufficient grounds upon which to base executive clemency.

Nurse Examiner Named.
The Governor yesterday appointed Miss Mary E. Platter, of Charlottesville, a member of the State Board of Examiners of Graduate Nurses, for a term of five years ending June 1, 1915.

Miss Fletcher succeeds Mrs. Leah de Lancy Hanger, of Portsmouth, whose term of office has expired. The Governor makes the appointment from a list of eligibles furnished by the Nurses' Association.

Commission Will Meet.
A regular meeting of the Commission of the State Geological Survey will be held in the office of the Governor, at the Capitol, at noon on Tuesday, September 27.

FORTUNE IN APPLES
One Virginia Orchard Will Yield Perhaps \$40,000 This Year.

Commissioner of Agriculture Kolner, who has been taking a look at some of the big orchards of the State, has returned to his office. On Wednesday he visited the fruit farm of James Craig, of the Albemarle county. Craig expects to market 10,000 barrels of choice apples this year, from 3,500 trees. He has refused an offer of \$2.25 per barrel. On the day of Mr. Kolner's visit he shipped a carload of apples destined for Europe.

A fortune in apples in a year is now no uncommon thing in Virginia. Mr. Craig has made a scientific study of fruit growing, and has everything well organized. He uses his fallen apples in the making of cider. By means of a device, he washes his apples with a stream of water as they travel up to the feeder of the mill. The apples are crushed so completely that he burns the pulp in the engine which runs the mill, after mixing it with coal.

Called at Capitol.
R. J. Palmer, treasurer of King William county, and W. H. Neale, commissioner of the revenue for the same county, were official visitors yesterday at the office of the Auditor of Public Accounts.

CABELL TO INVESTIGATE
Case of Storekeeper Jamison Reported to Revenue Department.

United States Collector of Internal Revenue Royal E. Cabell, of Washington, will probably conduct an investigation into the conduct of Storekeeper Jamison, who is reported by the Internal Revenue officials in Richmond.

It is claimed that when revenue agents visited the Pochontas Distilling Company, and found irregularities, Storekeeper Jamison was in his office reading a newspaper and was not aware of violations of the law.

It was said by revenue officials that the duties of a storekeeper are not only to see that the law is complied with, but he must not sit idly by and give the distiller an opportunity to take advantage of the government.

Building Permits.
Building Inspector Beck yesterday issued the following permits: Allen Jones to repair brick dwelling, 504 North Sixth Street, \$200.
Mrs. C. O'Sullivan, to repair brick dwelling, 2113 Park Avenue, \$500.

BLAZING OIL IN RAILROAD YARD

Tank Ignites, but Trainmen Quickly Shift It Beyond Zone of Danger.

FINALLY BURNED ITS WAY OUT

Second Alarm Sent Engines Scouring Again to Scene. 6,000 Gallons Lost.

While being shunted into a side track in the Richmond Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad yards at the west end of Leigh Street last night about 9 o'clock, a tank car containing 6,000 gallons of crude oil became ignited, probably by a spark from the switch engine. Before the trainmen realized what had happened a sheet of flame shot into the air, and the roar of the burning oil caused some excitement.

Quickly uncoupling the engine from the burning car, the trainmen rode on the engine a safe distance away from the danger zone. Engine Companies 13 and 12 and truck 3 responded to an alarm of fire. For two hours tons and tons of water were dashed upon the big steel car. Whether the oil was all consumed or whether the firemen succeeded in extinguishing the blaze is not certain.

Shifted Into Field.
About the time that W. D. Duke, assistant to President William H. White, of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, ordered the yardmaster to couple up the burning car and shift it into a dead end and let it burn out, the fire stopped.

It was explained by railroad men that there was a small leak in the tank, and the oil had seeped out, and it is supposed sparks from the engine set it on fire. Such a small outlet prevented it from burning more rapidly. A large crowd, attracted by the fire, stood at a safe distance and watched.

The department responded quickly to a second call at 12:45 o'clock this morning, but it was a false alarm.

SOLDIERS LIKELY TO BE PUNISHED

Belief Is That Justice Crutchfield Will Fine Men This Morning.

It is now the general belief that Justice Crutchfield will impose punishment on the militiamen who this morning upon the militiamen who discharged their weapons on a street while returning from the Labor Day sham battle. Although prompt action has been promised by the military authorities, it is believed that the civil court will also take cognizance of the affair and at least administer a fine.

Three of the men of Company E, First Infantry, have confessed their guilt to their officers and appeared in Police Court on Wednesday morning. These are Privates Elmer Lenhart, George Campbell and Frank Scruggs. Private Harry Meredith, who was first accused, and over whose attempted arrest by the police there ensued the clash between the civil and military authorities, has maintained his innocence. All four of the men were released on their own recognizance to appear this morning. They are also under military arrest, pending court-martial proceedings.

KILLED BY MISTAKE
Martin Took Strychnine, Thinking It Was Quinine.

In forty-five minutes after Frederick Martin, colored, thirty years old, employed in the slaughter house of Walter Brauer, on North Twenty-fifth Street, swallowed a dose of strychnine late yesterday afternoon, by mistake for quinine, he was dead.

In a few minutes after Martin took the poison he fell upon the ground in a swoon. The city ambulance was called, and Dr. Hagan rendered medical attention, but could not save the man's life.

Martin came to Richmond from King William county several weeks ago. He had been a sufferer from chills and fever and thought he was taking quinine when he swallowed the strychnine.

Coroner W. H. Taylor made an investigation of the family and decided that it was unnecessary to hold an inquest.

JUDGE WADDILL TO HEAR CASE AT ALEXANDRIA COURT
Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., will hold a special session of the United States District Court at Alexandria, Va., on October 2, to hear condemnation proceedings instituted by the Federal government to obtain 500 or 600 acres of property in the city of Alexandria for the purpose of establishing a reformatory for the District of Columbia.

The property is known as the "White House tract," and the owners have persistently refused to sell at the price which the government offered. There are fifty-seven defendants to the action. District Attorney L. Lewis recently filed the suit in the United States District Court at Richmond.

To Choose Lieutenant.
A second lieutenant will be elected by Company C, First Regiment, next Tuesday night.

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Is the reduced price on several hundred Light and Medium Weight Suits which sold up to \$22.50, light and dark colors; blue serges, black tibets.

Straw Hats are still in demand. \$1 for those that sold up to \$3.50.

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RAISE NEW POINT IN STATE TAX HEARING

Company in Business Elsewhere Need Not Pay Franchise Levy—Public Service Corporations, as Such, Heard for First Time.

According to a decision rendered by the State Corporation Commission during the tax hearing yesterday, corporations existing in Virginia as mere auxiliaries to companies operating in other States, and which receive no revenue of any sort in the jurisdiction of the commission, can be taxed only on their physical properties, and not on their franchise. This was decided in reference to the case of the Bristol-Goodson Water Company.

Cases of this sort, wherein new points arose, were numerous before the commission yesterday in view of the fact that light, heat and power companies, and gas and water companies, are this year, under a law passed by the Legislature at its last session, placed under the control of the commission. As a result, there was much variance in the methods used by the corporations in making up their tax returns, and their reputation for honesty was being questioned. The figures were not arrived at.

Differing Methods.
In some cases the estimated actual present value of the properties was returned, under the heading provided in the blanks to record the cost. In other instances the actual cost was returned, notwithstanding the property might have been in use for many years and had greatly depreciated. Still others essayed to report what the same property would cost to-day.

It was not the intention of the Corporation Commission, explained Chairman Prentiss, to fix the value of the original cost, especially when the property was in one case, the iron pipe which was given in had been in the ground for eighteen years. The cost figures are to be used as a basis for estimating the valuations.

A B. Whitaker, city attorney for Bristol, Tenn., appeared in reference to the water matter there. Some two years ago it appears that city purchased the property of the Bristol-Goodson Water Company, of Tennessee, which had the franchise for supplying the people of the city with their water supply. There was also in existence a Bristol-Goodson Water Company, of Virginia, which was acquired at the same time. Later, the latter concern, as a holding company in Washington, purchased two springs in Washington county, Va., having a pipe line between one of them and the State line. The Virginia corporation has no income from any source, and merely holds the title to the property. The city takes the water at the State line and sells it to the people of Bristol, Tenn., disposing of some of it to other citizens of Virginia.

Won't Pay for Franchise.
When the situation was explained, the commission ruled that it could not charge a franchise tax against the latter, as it does no actual business in this State. The company was, however, required to report the value of its real estate and pipe line to the commission for assessment and taxation. There was no contention on this point.

A contest arose over the assessment of the property of the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company. It was not entirely disposed of, the commission agreeing that it would hear any further arguments on Tuesday morning, September 13.

Thomas E. E. Montague, Commonwealth's attorney for Elizabeth city county, appeared and stated that he thought the assessments in some instances were too low. He objected to an apparent decrease in the company's property value in his county as represented by the returns.

Low Valuation.
Coming to the property of the Newport News and Old Point Railway Company, Judge Montague inquired as to some new property purchased at Buckroe Beach. The land owned by the company there was given in last year as \$2,500, and during the year a lot was purchased at \$12,000, the increase in the tax returns being only \$2,500, or 20 per cent. This, of course, was exclusive of buildings, which include the hotel. In addition, an old bath house has been torn away, and replaced by one costing \$6,500. The commission raised the assessment \$5,000, making it \$10,000 on the land.

Then Judge Montague raised a question as to the valuation of the company's power house and machinery. It was decided that the value of the property should be based on the actual cost of the property, and not on the value of the property as it stood at the time of the assessment.

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Mr. Cook obtained the position by a competitive civil service examination. He is a well-known business man, and has a wide acquaintance in Richmond. He is secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at West Point, and is connected with the West Point Ice and Packing Company. Mr. Cook and Colonel Stephen D. de Farges, who was acting temporarily.

NEW CANDIDATE FOR HIGH HONOR

Socialist-Labor Party Nominates Thomas A. Hollins to Oppose Congressman Lamb.

At a meeting of the Socialist Labor party of Richmond, held this week, it was decided to nominate a candidate for Congress from the Third District, and Thomas A. Hollins, of this city, an engraver by occupation, was selected as the party's standard-bearer in the November election.

The Socialist Labor platform, in demanding the unconditional surrender of the capitalist class, declares that "the time is fast coming when, in the natural course of social evolution, the capitalist system, through the destructive action of its internal contradictions, on the one hand, and the constructive tendencies of its trusts and other capitalistic combinations, on the other hand, will have worked out its own downfall. We therefore call upon the wage-workers to unite into the Socialist District of Virginia to organize under the banner of the Socialist Labor party into a class-conscious body, aware of its rights and determined to conquer them. And we also call upon all other intelligent citizens to place themselves squarely upon the ground of working class interests and join us in this mighty and noble work of human emancipation, so that we may put summary end to the existing barbarous class conflict by placing the land and all the means of production, transportation and distribution into the hands of the people as a collective body, and substituting the co-operative commonwealth for the present state of planless production, industrial war and social disorder—a commonwealth in which every worker shall have the exercise and full benefit of his faculties, multiplied by all the modern factors of civilization."

Wants Value Raised.
Another Commonwealth attorney was on the job in the person of Philip St. George Wilcox, of Warwick county. He thought the assessment of the pipe line of the Newport News Water company should be increased from \$60,000 to \$225,000, because he believed it to be worth \$100,000. Mr. Wilcox, for the company, didn't agree with him.

Mr. Livezey had prepared his reports very fully, showing the actual cost of material, machinery, and taking the assessed value of the land owned. The totals showed a valuation of \$325,000 against \$125,000 last year. Judge Prentiss here pointed out that it would be unjust to take the total figures, in as much as a great deal of the property had deteriorated. It was merely a case in which Mr. Livezey had interpreted the commission's blanks literally.

There was a difference of opinion regarding the value of the land which is owned in large parcels in Warwick county by the company. Mr. Livezey said it was not agricultural property, but was held to protect the water supply of Newport News, and had not changed character during the eighteen years it had been owned. Mr. Wilcox, on the other hand, thought it was worth more than farming land around it, since the improvements corresponded to the value of the land. Mr. Wilcox remarked, incidentally, that this year, for the first time, assessments can be raised by the courts as well as lowered, and that he might have some motions of this sort to make.

Opposed Increase.
The Radford Water and Light Company did not want to see taxes increased. Neither did the Roanoke Street Railway and Power Company. The latter, however, thought last year's assessments not unreasonable. Its real estate had been appraised by one of the regular land assessors for Roanoke at the request of the company, the figures being supposed to be on a parity with that of a New property under the new valuation. It was stated that in Roanoke property was being assessed at from 65 to 75 per cent. of its selling value.

The Roanoke Gas and Water Company, the Petersburg Gas Company, and the Norfolk County Water Company were also represented, their agents appearing for the purpose of explaining the standpoints from which they had made up the tax returns.

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